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SUBJ: KISSINGER LUNCH FOR ARAB DELS. TO UNGA

IN CASE DEPT NOT ALREADY AWARE OF IT FOLLOWING APPEARED
WITH SOME PROMINENCE IN OCT. 13 ISSUE OF JEUNE AFRIQUE
UNDER TITLE "LET A JEW DO IT".

BEGIN QUOTE:

CONTRARY TO WHAT THE LONDON TIMES ASSERTED IN ITS
SEPTEMBER 26 EDITION THERE IS NO "KISSINGER PLAN" TO
RESOLVE THE ISRAELI-ARAB CRISIS. WE HAVE THAT CERTAINTY
FROM SEVERAL ARAB AMBASSADORS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE
LUNCH GIVEN SEPT. 25 BY THE NEW SECRETARY OF STATE IN
HONOR OF 13 ARAB DELEGATION CHIEFS AT THE UN AS WELL AS
THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE ARAB LEAGUE. KISSINGER
SAID TO HIS GUESTS:

"YOUR PROBLEM WITH ISRAEL IS A SENSITIVITY PROBLEM.
TO TRY TO LIMIT IT AT THE FIRST APPROACH TO A RIGID
PLAN WOULD BE EQUIVALENT TO CONDEMNING IT TO FAILURE
FROM THE BEGINNING. MY VIETNAMESE EXPERIENCE IS
INSTRUCTIVE IN THIS REGARD. I THEREFORE PREFER TO
DIRECT MY EFFORTS, TO BEGIN WITH, TO A PRAGMATIC
APPROACH WITH THE ULTIMATE AIM OF SATISFYING YOUR
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LEGITIMATE DEMANDS."

THESE ARE KISSINGER'S OWN WORDS WHICH ALL OF OUR
INFORMANTS HAVE CONFIRMED TO US.

KISSINGER WENT SO FAR AS TO ADMIT TO HIS GUESTS THAT
HE WOULD NOT EVEN START WITH RESOLUTION 242 OF THE
SECURITY COUNCIL WHICH HE FINDS "AMBIGUOUS" (A POINT OF
VIEW ALSO SUPPORTED BY THE ISRAELIS AND WHICH CERTAIN
ENLIGHTENED ARABS ARE PREPARED TO CONCEDE).

"STARTING FROM RESOLUTION 242", SAID KISSINGER TO
HIS GUESTS, "IN EFFECT COMPLICATES THE PROBLEM MORE.
I ASK THIS OF YOU IN ONE WORD. GIVE ME YOUR CONFIDENCE,
I NEED IT AND I WILL MAKE A STRONG EFFORT TO BRING
GENERAL DAYAN AND HIS FRIENDS TO REASON."

REACTION OF THE ARABS--JUBILATION. REACTION OF
THE ISRAELIS--THE VISE CLOSES AGAIN. ALL THE MORE SO
SINCE THEY ARE NOT EVEN ABLE TO ACCUSE KISSINGER, A JEW
WHO ESCAPED FROM HITLERIAN DARKNESS, OF SELLING OUT THE
INTERESTS OF THE JEWS. END QUOTE.

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